

## Dr. Humayun Chaudhry: A Public Health Policy Advocate

Dr. Humayun J. Chaudhry is president and chief executive officer of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) of the United States. The FSMB, which operates the Federation Credentialing Verification Service (FCVS) and cosponsors the United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE), was founded in 1912 and is the national not-for-profit organization for the 70 state medical boards of the United States and its territories.

Dr. Chaudhry, 44, is married to Nazli Chaudhry, joint secretary of the Islamic Center of Long Island, and a board member of the Domestic Harmony Foundation. He previously served as the commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, the ninth largest health department in the United States, serving more than 1.5 million residents in an area encompassing 912 square miles. He also is a clinical associate professor of preventive medicine at Stony Brook University School of Medicine and an adjunct clinical associate professor of medicine at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine of New York Institute of Technology (NYIT).

As Suffolk County's health commissioner, Dr. Chaudhry worked closely with County Executive Steve Levy and directed a broad array of services providing high-quality, accessible health care to the county's residents, overseeing 1,500 employees and a budget of \$400 million. During his tenure as commissioner, Dr. Chaudhry created a new Division of Preventive Medicine to raise public awareness of preventable diseases and promote healthier lifestyles. When the H1N1 (swine) flu pandemic broke out in Suffolk County in April 2009, Dr. Chaudhry was praised for taking a proactive public health approach to the new virus, closing schools as needed and providing hundreds of local, state and federal health officials with daily public health guidance via advanced communication technologies using social media, including Twitter. New York's *Newsday* commended Dr. Chaudhry for "intently but calmly... (steering) the public on a better middle



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course between apathy and alarm."

At the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine at NYIT, Dr. Chaudhry served as chairman of the Department of Medicine from 2001-2007, and as assistant dean for preclinical education from 2003-2005, supervising all undergraduate

medical education delivered to first- and second-year medical students, and as the assistant dean for health policy from 2005-2007. Additionally, Dr. Chaudhry served as director of medical education at Long Beach Medical Center, a 202-bed community teaching hospital in Long Beach, N.Y., from 1996 to 2001 after his medical residency.

From 1999 to 2007, Dr. Chaudhry served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves as a physician and medical educator, rising to the rank of major and serving as a flight surgeon with the 732nd Airlift Squadron and as the medical operations flight commander for the 514th Aeromedical Staging Squadron of the 514th Air Mobility Wing.

Dr. Chaudhry is the principal author of *Fundamentals of Clinical Medicine* (4th edition, published in 2004), a textbook designed primarily for medical students. He has led, or participated in, clinical research in several areas of public health, preventive medicine, medical education, and infectious diseases, including studies on ways to improve vaccine utilization in acute care settings, the development of a multimedia online orientation for the fourth-year medicine clerkship, a comprehensive review of drug-induced aseptic meningitis, a review of streptococcal paratracheal abscesses, and a consensus statement on abdominal girth and car-

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diometabolic risk.

Dr. Chaudhry has been active in helping craft effective health policy on the state and national level for many years. He has served as the principal author of resolutions adopted by the American Medical Association, the Medical Society of the State of New York, the New York State Chapter of the American Society of Internal Medicine, and the New York Chapter of the American College of Physicians. Policy issues addressed by Dr. Chaudhry include the promotion of warning labels on herbal supplements, support for state funding of cancer prevalence mapping in New York, physician education about prevailing screening guidelines, medical resident duty hours and supervision, managed care principles and practices, physician workforce predictions, and the training of physicians in women's health. As chair of the Health and Public Policy Committee of the New York Chapter of the American College of Physicians, a state chapter with 12,000 members, he served in 2006 as the lead author of a white paper on the future of primary care medicine in New York State. Citing a need to promote careers in primary care medicine, the report found that in 45 of the 62 counties in New York, primary care physicians represented less than 50 percent of the physician population and, in a ratio similar to that found in developing countries, seven counties had more than 2,000 patients per single primary care provider.

Dr. Chaudhry has served as president of the American College of Osteopathic Internists and of the Association of Osteopathic Directors and Medical Educators. He is the recipient of a Laureate Award

from the American College of Physicians and has been inducted into the American Osteopathic Association's Mentor Hall of Fame. Dr. Chaudhry received a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in anatomy from New York University, and a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine of New York Institute of Technology in 1991. He completed an osteopathic rotating internship at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx, N.Y., and a three-year residency in internal medicine at Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola, N.Y., where he served an additional year as chief medical resident. In 2001, Dr. Chaudhry received a master's degree in health care management from the Harvard School of Public Health. He is a diplomate in internal medicine of the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine, a diplomate of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, and he was a diplomate in internal medicine of the American Board of Internal Medicine from 1996-2006.

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